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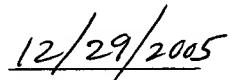
1. I reside at 8928 Twilight, Lenexa, Kansas 66219
2. Timothy Stringer and I are the named inventors on US Patent Application Serial No. 09/965,973, filed on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001.
3. Timothy Stringer and I proclaim the invention disclosed in the above referenced application will not function properly unless the outlet passage has sufficient volume. Specifically, when the outlet passage is of sufficient volume, the contained liquid will not reach the fluid exit due to a partial vacuum created within the container when the apparatus is inverted. The partial vacuum is the result of liquid displacement from

the container into the outlet passage. If the volume of the outlet passage is insufficient, the contained liquid will reach the fluid exit of the apparatus when inverted, thus it will leak. An outlet passage with a volume of approximately .060 cubic inches or greater will prevent the apparatus from leaking when inverted.

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